

Amendment No. 1 to SB2511

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2511

House Bill No. 2537*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b)(6), is amended by deleting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101" and substituting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101 or federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b), is amended by adding a new subdivision:

(7) Except for subdivisions (b)(5) and (6):

(A) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of fitness issued pursuant to this chapter, who provides services at a site remote from the advance practice registered nurse's collaborating physician's practice site, may arrange for the required personal review of the advanced practice registered nurse's charts by a collaborating physician either via HIPAA-compliant electronic means or in person;

(B) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of fitness issued pursuant to this chapter may arrange for up to ten (10) of the required annual remote site visits by a collaborating physician by HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. All other of the required site visits by a collaborating physician to a remote site must take place in person at the site of the clinic;

(C) For purposes of this subdivision (b)(7):

(i) "Annual" means a rolling twelve-month period; and

(ii) "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2)(H), is amended by deleting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101" and substituting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101 or federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision:

(I) Except for subdivisions (2)(G) and (H):

(i) A physician assistant licensed to prescribe drugs under this subdivision (2), who provides services at a site remote from the physician assistant's collaborating physician's practice site, may arrange for the required personal review of the physician assistant's charts by a collaborating physician either via HIPAA-compliant electronic means or in person;

(ii) A physician assistant licensed to prescribe drugs under this subdivision (2), may arrange for up to ten (10) of the required annual remote site visits by a collaborating physician by HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. All other of the required site visits by a collaborating physician to a remote site must take place in person at the site of the clinic;

(iii) For purposes of subdivision (2)(I)(ii):

(a) "Annual" means a rolling twelve-month period; and

(b) "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.